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Brett Morgan photo

The Bottle Factory owner Al Pacitti DJed a farewell party on Feb. 6. The bar's remaining inventory was given away and drink specials were \$2.

Last call at the Bottle Factory

By Lauren Sadler
Staff Writer

It was closing time permanently for Al Pacitti's bar, The Bottle Factory, the weekend of Feb. 6. Pacitti's official Facebook invite stated, "The End of an Era... We tried our best to stay open but when you gotta go, you gotta go."

After five years of mud wrestling, beach parties, bellowing laughter from the Comedy Zone and a plethora of good times, Pacitti DJed the last dance as the bar's remaining inventory was given away and drink specials were no more than two dollars. The economic down-turn and

personal reasons forced the bar's closing.

"[Al's] opening other businesses and is taking time with his family," said former manager and Salisbury alumnus Tim Metzger.

Last May's fatal drive-by shooting, just yards from The Bottle Factory at the south end of the Goliath Shopping Center, left an irremovable stain on the bar.

"Right before it closed was a bittersweet time," Metzger said. "It was sad because it was closing, but it was also a time that ex-employees and old regulars came back and exchanged stories of all the great times at the Bottle."

While Metzger reminisces about the reveling, other students are apathetic about Bottle's closing.

One believes that if Bottle had more community outreach, business wouldn't have suffered as much.

"I've definitely had some good times at Bottle, but I'm not really surprised they closed," said senior Phil Machado. "I feel as if they didn't have much to offer the community. Maybe I just didn't hear about them, but I don't recall The Bottle Factory ever hosting fundraisers or special events. I'm not really going to miss the place."

Bottle's closing means more business for Salisbury's remaining bars, including Brew River and The Monkey Barrel. "Everybody looks at competition in a negative way, but with The

SEE Bottle Factory Pg. 2

Business school to host at-risk children

By Jonathan Moynihan
Staff Writer

The Perdue School of Business is working alongside Wicomico County Middle Schools in an effort to encourage troubled youth to actively pursue a higher education. On April 24, the day-long event deemed an "outreach activity" will take 20 "at-risk" students and offer them some perspective into the advantages of life with a high school diploma.

"We hope to educate them about the benefits of graduating high school, the benefits of going to college, and to educate them about Salisbury University," said DeAnna Orwig, a Perdue Business School leader. "It should be a memorable and influential day."

According to Andrew Eck, another SU business student, the lucky 20 will begin their day with a visit to the Eastern Correctional Institute (ECI). "The tour should, in a way, scare the children straight as they talk with reformed inmates," Eck said.

The students will then travel to SU where they'll enjoy dining at The Commons, followed by a campus tour including a look into the dorms. "We're hoping to have many students and several faculty members from throughout the University to assist with the event," Orwig said.

SEE Youth Pg. 4

First of six provost candidates visits SU

By Vanessa Junkin
Staff Writer

Last semester, the search for SU's next provost and vice president of academic affairs began after Tom Jones announced his decision to step down for the 2009-2010 academic year.

More than 100 people applied for the job, said Rosemary Thomas, chair of the Provost Screening Committee. In a series of steps, she explained, the number of candidates gradually de-

creased to six finalists.

The University is looking for someone who is "ready to enthusiastically embrace and put into action the strategic plan," Thomas said.

Shelley Mishoe, the first finalist to visit SU, held question-and-answer sessions for faculty, staff and students on Feb. 19 and 20.

Mishoe is currently the dean of the school of allied health sciences and a professor in the department of respiratory therapy at the Medical College

of Georgia (MCG) in Augusta.

She used her experience and opinions to answer questions from the audience and help the campus community see what kind of provost she may be if chosen.

After holding multiple positions at MCG, Mishoe said she is looking to work at a comprehensive university like SU.

"I think a comprehensive university offers more to the development not only of students, but faculty," she said.

Although the majority of Mishoe's background is at a medical college, she assured the audience this would not be a problem if she were chosen for the position, in part because she first taught as part of associate degree programs.

Also, because about 50 percent of MCG's students are transfers, "I'm able to interact with seeing the differences in gen. ed. preparation and what the juniors coming in look like depending on the institution," Mishoe

said.

If chosen for the job, Mishoe noted she would not want to change anything too early before getting a chance to experience working at the University. However, she expressed that she sees potential in areas like offering applied doctorate programs and having faculty members engaged in additional research.

Mishoe named many reasons for wanting to pursue a career at SU.

SEE Provost Pg. 3

SU basketball fights cancer with awareness

By Gwyneth Ferrand
Staff Writer

Salisbury University basketball was proud to host two separate nights of games that honored cancer survivors and promoted awareness on the campus for the second consecutive year. Coaches vs. Cancer night was held Wednesday, Feb. 18 during the double-header games between Salisbury and Marymount University.

Coaches wore suits with sneakers for the evening and all of the proceeds from the game were donated to the American Cancer Society. The money raised will go to education about prevention, research and advocacy groups in more than 3,400 different local communities. With cancer being one of the leading causes of death on the Eastern Shore, this cause hits close to home for many. Last year, the Coaches vs. Cancer initiative raised over \$95,000.

On Feb. 21, Women Supporting Women hosted the Women's Basketball Coaches Association Pink Zone Initiative double-header basketball game between Salisbury and Hood College. Women Supporting Women is a local non-profit organization

specializing in providing support for breast cancer survivors and their families across the Eastern Shore, as well as educating the community about prevention and early detection.

Lisa Twilley, Director of Volunteers and the Mentoring Program, noted that there was no specific goal for how much money they would like to raise this year, and that this event was more about promoting awareness.

"We're having survivors come out at half time so we can honor them," Twilley said. Fans in attendance were encouraged to wear something pink, or they could simply stop by the Women Supporting Women's table outside the auditorium where an array of breast cancer awareness items were available, including pamphlets and t-shirts emblazoned with the words, "I Believe in the Fight."

With the statistics on cancer becoming more sobering every year, many Salisbury students feel compelled to come out and show their support not only for their Sea Gulls, but for cancer awareness.

"I walk in the Relay for Life every year in

SEE Pink Pg. 3



Sarah Wright photo

Lindsey Bledsoe, Erin Kilic, Samantha Godwin and Leah Castaldi emphatically wave their pink poms at Saturday's Women's Basketball Coaches Association Pink Zone Initiative.

Briefly Stated

A Night of Blues & Jazz
At 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 26, Break Time Bar & Grill hosts A Night of Blues & Jazz. Your \$20 contribution covers all-you-can-eat finger foods while you enjoy the live music of The Hill Street Blues Band. With a cash bar and live auction, this night promises long-lasting memories. Tickets are available at Break Time and Women Supporting Women in Salisbury. For any questions, please call (410) 548-7880 or (410) 742-7665. You can also check out Break Time's Web site at www.breaktimegill.com or Women Supporting Women's Web site at www.womensupporting-women.org.

Cap and Gown Ordering
Graduates who plan to participate in commencement on May 21 should place a cap and gown order at the Bookstore beginning Tuesday, Feb. 24. The last day to order is Friday, March 6. Students who are off campus because of an internship or study abroad experience should contact the Bookstore at 410-543-6086 or djohnson@salisbury.edu to make special arrangements. Visit www.salisbury.edu/commencement for grad or guest information.

Upcoming GUC Events
The Guerrieri University Center hosts a wide array of events for students this February. Upcoming events include a football tournament on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 8 p.m. in the GUC Gaming Area. There will also be a Scrabble tournament on Thursday, Feb. 26, at 8 p.m. in the Nanticoke Room. Interested students can sign up at the Information Desk for both events. Learn more about upcoming GUC Events at www.salisbury.edu/guc/gucevents.html.

SOAP brings Terrance Dean to Campus
Everyone's different, right? You ask yourself every day what makes you different from everyone else. Our generation is always facing questions of fitting in and being accepted. Sometimes these questions can become overbearing and put unnecessary stress in life. Terrance Dean, an author, speaker, teacher, hip-hop head and the creator of Men's Empowerment, Inc., is coming to Salisbury University to speak about his ups and downs in life. His memoir, "Hiding in Hip Hop," tells the hidden secrets of the entertainment industry and takes you through Dean's journey of finding an identity in some of the most homophobic places: the black family, community, church, and Hip Hop. Come see and speak with Terrance on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall.

International Film Festival Continues
This semester, SU hosts the Bridges to the World International Film Festival. The next film will be screened at 7 p.m. Monday, March 2 in Caruthers Hall Auditorium. Called a Chinese version of "Moulin Rouge," "Ru Guo Ai" ("Perhaps Love") explores how the past influences actions in the present.

SAGE Open Mic Night



Sarah Lake photo

Ben Bartosh performs Bill Withers' "Just the Two of Us" at Wednesday night's Open Mic Night, hosted by Student Activists for Gender Equality (SAGE). More than 20 participants shared their individual talents with a packed Gull's Nest. SAGE held the event in hopes of promoting the upcoming Women's History Month.



Internet photo

SHOREUP!, a local nonprofit organization, offers free tax preparation for individuals who make less than \$40,000 a year. Call 410-749-1142.

Local business offers free tax preparation

By Samantha Ernest
Staff Writer

Yes, it's that time of year again...tax time. Taxes can be a bittersweet time for a lot of people. There is the joy in looking forward to getting back that chunk of change you worked so hard for throughout the year, and then there is that sinking feeling about actually having to file taxes.

Nowadays there are a couple of different options when filing taxes. There is the do-it-yourself way, or there is the option of getting help from the professionals. Getting help from the professionals is probably the best route to take when inexperienced. Doing your own taxes when you really have no clue as to what you are doing could get you into a lot of trouble. Getting taxes done by professionals usually costs extra, though. Businesses such as Accounting Plus in Ocean City typically charge about \$130 for federal and state taxes. Other businesses such as H&R Block start at about \$85 for individuals without any assets. However, in these tough eco-

nomies, some businesses such as SHORE UP! Inc., offer free preparation of both state and federal income tax returns for families and individuals who make under \$40,000 a year. This service is available from Jan. 12-April 9.

The general goals at SHORE UP! are to help people take advantage of all the tax credits to which they are entitled and to educate people on basic financial topics such as budgeting and saving. Planning Coordinator of SHORE UP! Inc. Alicia Robertson said, "We provide this service to help people learn about the Earned Income Credit, which is a tax benefit for people who work." This is the second year SHORE UP! has provided this service.

SHORE UP!'s service is not limited to Maryland residents only. They provide service to qualifying residents from other states as well. SHORE UP! plays a big part in student communities. They not only have a lot of Salisbury University students who are customers, but they also have students who work at SHORE UP! as volunteers.

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Crime Beat

02/05/09 11:30 p.m.
Off-Campus Robbery

A student reported to the University Police Department that he was the victim of a strong-arm robbery at the intersection of Smith St. and Hazel Ave. An officer from the Salisbury Police Department responded to initiate an investigation.

02/07/09 2:36 a.m.
Fight/Disorderly Crowd

Officers from the University and Salisbury Police Departments responded to the area of 1409 University Terrace in reference to a fight in progress. Officers dispersed a large and disorderly crowd. Someone in the crowd threw a glass bottle, striking a marked University Police vehicle.

02/08/09 1 a.m.
Off-Campus Robbery

A student reported that she was the victim of a strong-arm robbery on Smith Street. The student was referred to the Salisbury Police Department for reporting.

02/09/09 6-6:45 p.m.
Damaged Property

Two students reported that their motorcycles were tipped over while parked in the Caruthers parking lot.

02/12/09 7:15-9 p.m.
Suspicious Persons

Two female students reported that suspicious men had approached them on campus. One student was approached by men in Red Square, who subsequently knocked upon the door of the student's residential hall room. Another student was approached by a man in Red Square who sat beside the student and stared at her.

02/15/09 3:42 a.m.
Disorderly Conduct

University Police responded to a report of a disorderly student outside Severn Hall. An officer identified the student, who was intoxicated and under the age of 21 years. A report of the incident was forwarded to the Office of Student Affairs for review.

02/16/09 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Theft

A student reported the theft of personal property from the Severn Hall laundry room. The matter is under investigation.

Bottle Factory

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Bottle Factory, it's always been friendly competition," said Wes Hanna, owner of Brew River. "Al has always been a good friend of ours so we were sad to see The Bottle Factory close."

Other bars in Salisbury include Breaktime, Flavors and Market Street.

Hanna hopes to increase business at Brew on what were Bottle's key nights, Wednesdays and Fridays. "We love to be the hang-out for Salisbury University students," Hanna said.

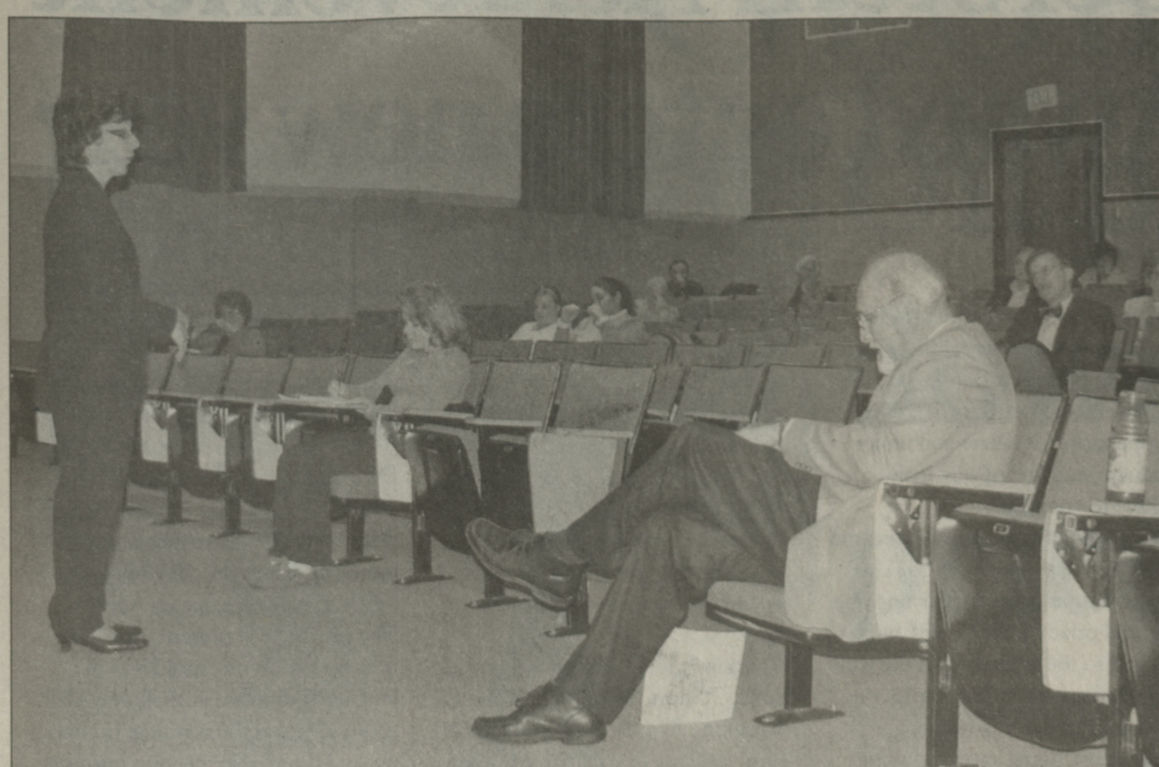
Matthew "Bull" Lasinski, owner of The Monkey Barrel, also hopes to gain business from Bottle's closing. "Due to the fact that currently there are really only two college bars, it is hard to get students to go out to a bar several times in one week, so [business] will not go up as much as it technically should," Lasinski said.

He doesn't expect a packed house every night, but predicts business will improve overall during the week. "It's really hard to say though," he said.

Although The Bottle Factory has closed, Pacitti remains on the bar circuit. Hanna has invited him to DJ Happy Hour at Brew River every Wednesday and at some special events because "he's so great at entertaining and everybody loves him."

Provost

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Brett Morgan photo

Provost candidate Shelley Mishoe, currently a dean at the Medical College of Georgia, makes her case Thursday for a group of students and faculty. Five other candidates will be presenting in February and March.

"What appeals to me about Salisbury University is the small class sizes, the faculty-to-student ratio, the student-centeredness of the teaching, and that there is some athletics, but it's Division III," Mishoe said.

In addition, she mentioned other benefits including the location, accomplishments and people that make

up SU. Working in leadership roles aside from her career helped Mishoe to discover that working as SU's provost would be a good fit for her.

Faculty, staff and students can aid in choosing the new provost by filling out evaluation forms at the public sessions. Thomas noted that these evalu-

ations and the opinions of the Provost Screening Committee will help the University President Janet Dudley Eshbach to make her final decision.

The five other candidates will be visiting SU in February and March, and all are invited to come and ask questions.

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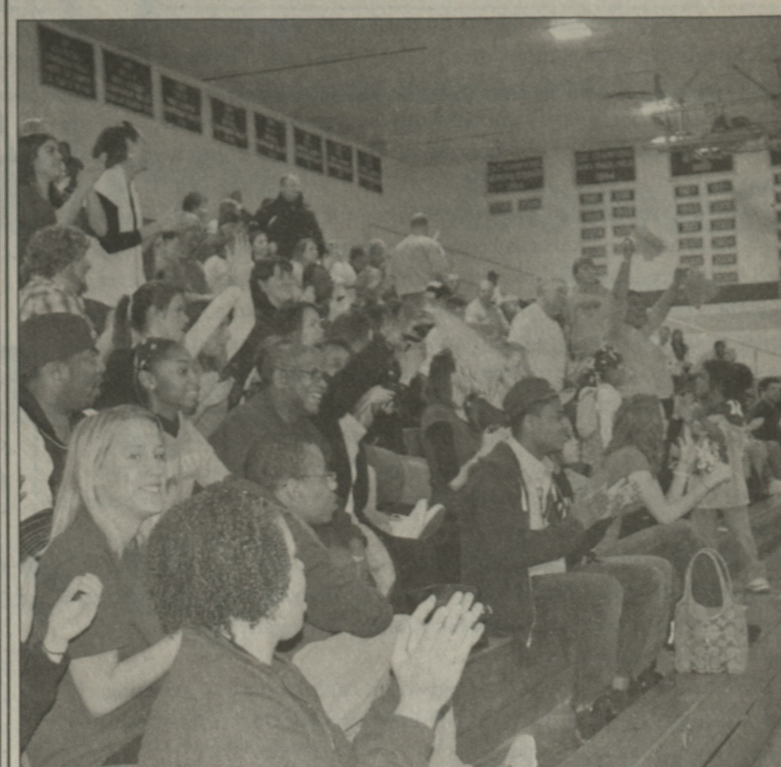
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A packed Maggs Gym radiates SU pride as students gather for the Women's Basketball Association's Pink Zone Initiative Saturday night.

support of several family members who have gone through breast cancer, so it was important for me to come out to the game in pink in honor of them," said student Tracey Riley, who donned all pink for Saturday's game.

Many in the crowd not only showed support with what they wore but by their reaction to the survivors who took center court at halftime to tell how many years they had been cancer-free; for some it had been several years, and for others it had been as many as several decades, including a husband and wife who had both survived breast cancer, he for 56 years.

Twilley reminded the audience that it is not just women who are affected by breast cancer, so "make sure you do your monthly self-exams." Women Supporting Women is located in downtown Salisbury, and their next event is their very popular Mardi Gras event in Ocean City, MD.

"It was just really cool that our school is doing this, since even people in my age group are not immune to the disease," Riley said.

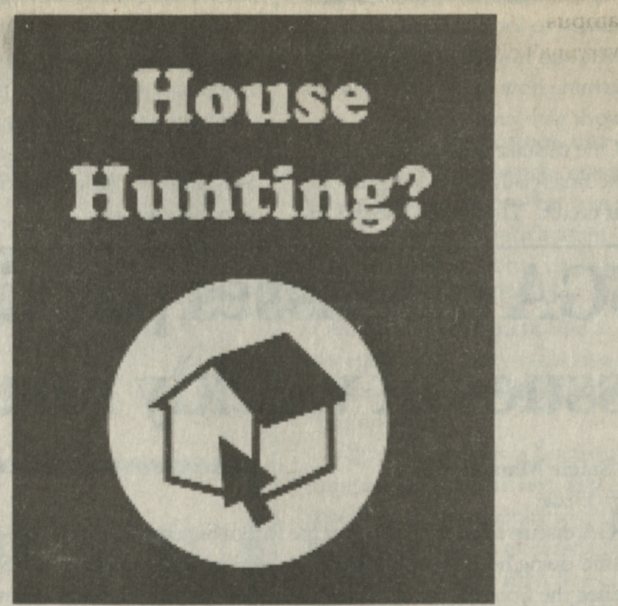
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"We have seven student athletes that will work with the business leaders to be role models and campus tour guides," Eck said. "Even head basketball coach Steve Holmes will be there helping out."

The "tour of possibility" will end with the youth gathering in Caruthers, where they will be quizzed on facts about SU and high school, Orwig said.

In addition to this most recent experience for troubled youth, the Business School and the University have been working hard to offer disadvantaged young students credible opportunities to experience upper level academics. "Last year, we were contacted by the Wicomico Mentoring Project to do an outreach activity with their middle school students. It was successful, and the event was noticed by the community," Orwig said.

This year, the Perdue School of Business was contacted by Carole Rollins, a Behavior Intervention teacher for Salisbury and Wicomico Middle Schools. As part of the Wicomico Mentoring Project, the program serves as a community-wide effort to encourage children to become happy and productive citizens.

"I think all of the stuff we do proves that we want to help advance younger people in poor situations," said Ark Manakyan, an accounting major. As a campus host, Manakyan said the University works to host special tours for inner city schools.

"The usual opinion is that troubled youth can't amount to anything. I think SU wants to show them that if they put forth the effort, they can achieve a lot," Manakyan said.

Tough times call for economic tips

By Laura Bounds
Staff Writer

Times are tough. Society is in an economic slump and people are struggling to make ends meet. Preparations need to be taken now to protect a financially secure future.

American consumers listed "saving money and manage debt" as two of their top three New Year's resolutions for 2009, according to USA.gov. Fortunately, manageable steps can help ease financial burden.

"One strategy to help survive this economic depression is develop a spending plan," said Nina Heck, Director of Counseling at Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCCS). "If consumers need help setting up a budget or have difficulty making payments to creditors, we can help by a debt management program."

CCCS is a non-profit organization that offers free budget and money management counseling. Sessions are aimed to look at income, credit reports and household expenses to determine how much money is left to work with credit debt.

"One mistake college students make financially is not safeguarding their credit. They often use the In-

ternet to make purchases without making sure the site is secure," Heck said. "There needs to be firewalls, anti-spyware and anti-virus software to protect information and help prevent ID theft."

To manage finances, CCCS has six strategies that effectively help relieve debt. First, take an economic reality check by going over all financial statements and setting a budget. Reduce personal debt by making an appointment with credit counselors to get it under control. Put money away for a rainy day to build up cash; saving 50 cents a day can lead to an extra \$180 a year. Request and review a credit report to find errors. Protect financial identity through guarding personal information and regularly checking credit card reports for any unauthorized charges. Finally, make money management a family goal and open personal finance discussions.

"Students need to know exactly what it takes for them to get by," Heck said. "The money they have must equal or exceed what they're spending, otherwise they're setting themselves up for delinquency."

To consult with CCCS, call 800-642-2227 or visit their Web site at www.cccs-inc.org.

SGA discusses parking issues at weekly forum

By Stacie Manger
Staff Writer

SGA discussed parking issues at the forum Sunday night at 7 p.m. in Henson. After doing house keeping with registered student organizations, SGA opened the floor to student opinions on how parking should work with a disclaimer of no promises and no guarantees. Rosemary Thomas, Vice President of University Advancement, Ellen Neufeldt, Vice President of Student Affairs, and Dane Foust, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs represented the staff and listened to forum attendees. Along with a series of focus group questions, five hypothetical models for parking were presented and debated. One model proposed all on-campus residents park in Dresser or in the parking garage and saving on campus spots for commuters.

"I live off campus and when I try to come on, I see cars that have not moved in days. It is frustrating because those spaces could be used for commuters," said SGA President Pat Gotham.

Other students disagreed saying that since they live on campus, they should not have to go to the garage to access their cars. A night pass was proposed for students only needing to access campus after 4 p.m. as well as a garage-only pass.

Students voiced concerns about the current dangers regarding finding parking spaces during the day. One student said she can spend over 20 minutes looking and when one opens, it is a free-for-all trying to get it.

Currently there is 69 percent of a space per student, according to Foust.

Whether or not to lock the garage at night like Dresser was a concern as well. If it were locked, it would be from midnight to around 6 a.m. In an emergency, University Police would open the gate so a student could get his or her car.

No promises were made, but the discussion will be brought up with higher, decision-making committees.

Berstein Achievement Award enters new year

By Randon Ryland
Staff Writer

Hopeful entrepreneurial students can soon compete in Salisbury University's prestigious Bernstein Achievement Award for Excellence competition. Graduate and undergraduate students of any major are eligible to compete.

The competition rewards students with original proposals to start a business or improve an existing one. A grand prize of \$5,000 will be granted to the student with the winning business proposal, in order to assist him or her in advancing with their vision. Many award-winning students have gone on to operate successful businesses.

The award was founded in 1987 by local entrepreneur and SU alumnus Richard Bernstein ('76); he is

also founder of BAI Aerosystems, Inc. in Easton and K&L Microwave Inc. in Salisbury.

International students Henry Widera of Berlin and Tobias Rosenberg of Wierl, both enrolled in SU's M.B.A. program, were the winning team for last year's award. They created "Do Your Bit," an eco-friendly recycling business which focused on joining the growing green movement and increasing awareness of the environmental condition of the earth.

Two individual plans were also selected: "Shore Technologies," an IT consulting firm developed by senior Todd Bellamy of Delmar, MD, and "Attractive Cheers," a hair salon created by senior Lisa Hann of Gaithersburg, MD.

Dr. Stephan Adams, director of the Bernstein Award, has said how

"it was difficult for the Perdue School's Student Development Committee to choose just four business plans" out of all the noteworthy proposals.

Students with a business plan in mind have until March 6 to submit a hard copy of their proposals to the Dean's office, Holloway Hall room 100, by 5 p.m. They can also be sent electronically to BernsteinCompetition@salisbury.edu. All completed business plans are due by April 3. The finalists will present their business proposals on April 25 to the judging committee in Holloway Hall room 114, and the winning, runner-up, and honorable mention business plans will be announced. Students interested in more information can call 410-543-6000 or visit the award's Web site at www.salisbury.edu/perdue/berstein.

From the Suggestion Box

This column is based on the comments and concerns of students, faculty, and staff via the suggestion box online at www.salisbury.edu/suggestionbox. The President's Office seeks responses to the issues raised from appropriate campus personnel. Not everything can be fixed, but a reasoned explanation can be offered. Keep those suggestions coming!

From the Suggestion Box

"We should have a suggestion box like this just for moneysaving and energy saving ideas. Some of us have ideas but don't know where to direct them."

Zach Hogan, Graduate Assistant in the Office of the President, responded:

"Any ideas and suggestions, even regarding moneysaving and energy saving, can be submitted via the online suggestion box. I forward all of the suggestions to whichever campus personnel is best able to address the response."

Also From the Suggestion Box

"The Master calendar has disabled suggestion dates. If it were open to student suggestions, there would be more events displayed!"

Todd Smith, Web Communications Manager, responded:

"The suggestion form on the calendar was turned off because I was getting bombarded with internet spam through that suggestion form. Also, the calendar is for SU events and dates, not just any event. We do not have plans for event post suggestions; however the web feed-

back form at the bottom is always available."

Also From the Suggestion Box

"Please make an effort to secure access when using a visa credit card for bill payment. This certainly is a hurdle to cross when you have limited access. Please include contact phone numbers in your billing statements. Thanks."

Tony Pasquariello, General Accounting Director, responds further:

"After a bit of testing, the Cashier's Office telephone number (410-543-6060) is now on the student bill. Thank you for the suggestion."

"As for our acceptance of Visa: because credit card processing fees were becoming too large (\$250,000 + in FY06), the University could no longer afford to bear the cost. Instead the University, via Sallie Mae, implemented a 2.4% convenience fee for those who still wanted the convenience of paying with a credit card. Unlike MasterCard, American Express and Discover (all of which are accepted by the University), Visa is unwilling to allow vendors to charge a variable-based convenience fee. Visa will allow a fixed fee but, because tuition bills vary widely from hundreds of dollars to thousands of dollars, setting a fair fixed fee is not possible. So until Visa is willing to amend its rules, the University cannot accept Visa payments for student bills. Because many people used Visa prior to the implementation of the convenience fee, the University added additional payment vehicles - electronic checks, American Express and Discover - all with the intent of minimizing any inconvenience."



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U.S. Secretary of State Clinton is greeted by Chinese State Councilor Dai Bingguo in the grounds of Beijing's Diaoyutai State Guesthouse.

Clinton makes rounds in Asia

By Daniel McElwain
Staff Writer

This week, former first lady and New York Senator, and newly appointed Secretary of State Hillary Clinton makes her way through East Asia on a diplomatic tour. Clinton is taking the allies of the United States in the region by storm as she pitches the foreign policy of her former rival, President Obama.

Dr. Surin Pitsuwan of the Association of the Southeast Asian Nations remarked to Clinton, "Your visit shows the seriousness of the United States to end its diplomatic absenteeism in the region. You have said the U.S. is ready to listen. We are also ready to listen, Madame Secretary. Your willingness to listen will go a long way to winning friends and partners, and reassuring allies in the region."

Clinton's first stop in the region was the island nation of Japan where she met with the Japanese Foreign Minister Hirofumi Nakasone. The secretary remarked that Japan was a cornerstone of United States diplomacy in the

region and a long time ally, a fact boosted by the over 50-year military alliance and economic ties. Among issues discussed were the matters of transferring 8,000-military personal from Japanese Okinawa to U.S. Guam and the continued support of Japan in the peace talks with North Korea.

Next on her Asian trip was Seoul, the capital of South Korea and site of joint U.S.-S. Korean military forces act in defense against the communist North Korea. Prior to Clinton's visit to South Korea, rival North Korea engaged in a series of saber rattling ranging from withdrawal of envoys from Seoul to movement of troops to the border. Upon arrival, Clinton shortly stated that the threats of North Korea can not drive a wedge between the friendship and support with South Korea.

Indonesia will be Secretary Clinton's next stop, where climate change will be the concern and draw the nation closer. Then she will travel to China to work on economic, environmental and human rights issues.

13-year-old second youngest father

By Laura Dignan
Staff Writer

Last Sunday, a London newspaper, *The Sun*, reported that 13-year-old Alfie Patten had fathered a child with his 15-year-old girlfriend Chantelle Steadman. Patten became one of Britain's youngest fathers when the mother gave birth to a girl two weeks ago in Eastbourne, on England's southern coast.

"I thought it would be good to have a baby," Patten told *The Sun*. "When my mum found out, I thought I was going to get in trouble. We wanted to have the baby but were worried how people would react... I will be good though and take care of it."

Doubts about Patten's fatherhood have risen since *The Daily Telegraph* reported that other teenage boys have claimed that they were with Steadman at the time of the baby's conception. This has forced Patten to publicly call for a paternity test

which he claims he will take as soon as possible. Steadman denies that any of the other teenage boys are the father.

"Alfie's the only boy I've been with," Steadman told *The Daily Telegraph*. "I love Alfie."

Maisie Roxanne, seven pounds and three ounces, will live in a rented apartment with the mother's family - Steadman's mother, father and five brothers. Patten's mother has not spoken out yet but his father is worried and claims the teenagers have no idea what it means to have a baby and what lies ahead.

"We know we made a mistake, but I wouldn't change it now," Steadman said. "We will be good, loving parents."

While this story has sparked much controversy in Great Britain, Patten was not the youngest father in Britain's history. In 1998, Sean Stewart, 12, became the youngest father when his girlfriend, Emma Webster, 15, gave birth to their child.



13-year-old father Alfie Patten holds his newborn baby, Maisie Roxanne, shortly after she was born. A paternity test is pending.

Oil prices down, gas prices up

By Kelley Matney
Staff Writer

As the lower prices we have been enjoying at the pump continue to rise in spite of cheaper crude oil prices and lower demand, Americans are wondering what is up?

Last week, a barrel of crude oil cost about \$34, its lowest point this year. However, according to MarylandGasPrices.com, the current average cost for a regular gallon of gas in Maryland is \$1.90, which is higher than it was a month ago, by 19 cents.

The reason for higher gas prices despite the lower oil costs is supply and demand. Consumers are not buying as much gas so refineries are not manufacturing as much. Therefore, there is a lot of supply so prices can stay high, even though the price of crude oil is dropping.

"If there's no demand... there's really not a whole lot of point to making extra gasoline," says Bill Day, spokesman for Valero, the largest independent U.S. refiner.

Refineries lost money last year, despite the increase in gas prices. "The refineries in the latter half of 2008 were paying top dollar for oil, and then producing gasoline in a low-demand economy. Now, refineries are producing less, driving up prices in this low-demand economy, while stockpiling discount oil," said Ben Brockwell, director of data pricing for OPUS in an interview with CNN.

Another reason gas prices are rising at the same time that oil prices are getting lower is that, currently, American crude oil is selling for less than substandard grades of crude oil from other places around the world. A se-

vere economic downturn has left United States storage facilities overflowing with it.

However, it is the international crude oil that is used in a majority of the gas made in the United States. That indicates that prices at the pump will probably keep going up no matter what happens to the price of crude oil.

"We're going definitely over \$2, and I bet we'll hit \$2.50 before spring," said Tom Kloza, publisher and chief oil analyst at Oil Price Information Service in an interview with the Associated Press. "This is going to be an unusual year."

Experts are saying this is not going to have a huge impact on the American people however, because of this recession economy people have already decreased their driving and are trying to save money any where they can.

How gas prices change from here really depends on future demand. With the spring and summer travel season approaching, everyone is closely watching the gas prices and because of lower demand, prices are not likely to return to the sky-high amount that they were last year.

Just a year ago, the average cost of a gallon of regular gas was \$2.98.

HISTORY CORNER

February 24
1981-Buckingham Palace announces the engagement of The Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer.

February 25
1932-Adolf Hitler obtains German citizenship by naturalization, which allows him to run in the 1932 election for Reichspräsident.

February 26
1870-In New York City, the first pneumatic-subway opens.

February 27
1939-American Civil Rights Movement: Sit-down strikes are outlawed by the Supreme Court of the United States.

February 28
1827-The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad is incorporated, becoming the first railroad in America offering commercial transportation of both people and freight.

March 1
2006-English-language Wikipedia reaches its one millionth article.

March 2
1953-The Academy Awards are first broadcast on television by NBC.

Subs avoid disaster

By Meredith Ray
Staff Writer

Two nuclear submarines - one British, the other French - crashed earlier this month on Feb. 3 in the Atlantic Ocean. Confirmation of the crash did not come until nearly two weeks later on Feb. 16.

A senior Navy source told a newspaper the potential consequences of such a collision were "unthinkable."

"Recently, the two submarines came into contact at very low speed. Both submarines remained safe and no injuries occurred," a statement from the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Jonathan Band, said. "We can confirm that the capability remained unaffected and there has been no compromise to nuclear safety. HMS Vanguard returned safely to Faslane under her own power on 14 February."

The Royal Navy's HMS Vanguard and the French La Triomphant were both carrying nuclear weapons and had approximately 250 crew members combined. Both vessels were equipped with sonar equipment; however, neither recognized that the other was in the same area. One theory is that the anti-sonar devices meant to hide the subs from enemies were too effective.

Both countries have insisted there was no risk of a nuclear accident, as firing missiles requires precise codes and commands, not merely a bump. Regardless, the crash has caused an outcry among anti-nuclear groups and raised questions on the safety of ballistic-missile submarines patrolling the ocean while hiding their whereabouts even to their NATO allies.

Dents and scrapes are visible on both ships are expected to cost at least 50 million pounds. On Thursday, the French navy confirmed they are still assessing damages to La Triomphant and that it is in worse shape than reported.

The accident has prompted France and Britain to consider mapping out nuclear sub-routes or using patrol zones. However, the nuclear submarines travel separately from the already existing sub patrol zones, as the movements of nuclear subs are national secrets.

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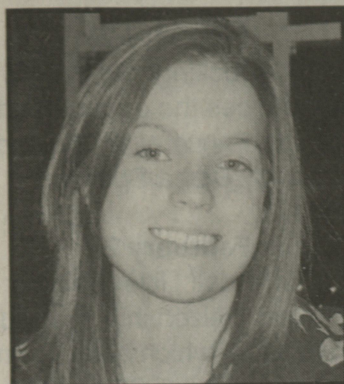
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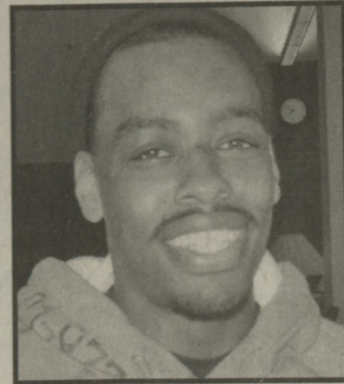


Overheard: What do you think should be in the stimulus bill?

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"Funds for higher education."
Catherine Noppenberger - freshman



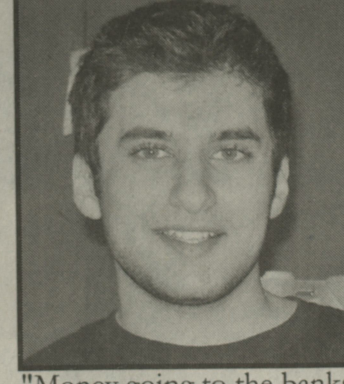
"Lower tuition."
Jeffrey King - freshman



"Funds for more public work projects."
Kevin Eichelman - freshman



"Cheaper meal plans."
Lorren Root - sophomore



"Money going to the banks that give student loans."
Syed Ali - junior

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Teachers at the Bisbee Unified School District voice their displeasure at the school board's decision to temporarily cancel school on Fridays.

District closes Ariz. schools on Fridays

By Morgan Majchrzak
Staff Writer

The Bisbee Unified School District in Arizona has decided to close schools every Friday for the next two school years in hopes of saving up to \$500,000 each year. As a result, school days would be extended by an hour to make up the missing instructional time.

After reading this, I wasn't too surprised to see this sort of thing happening, especially with the economy the way it is. Many people and companies are trying to come up with ways to save money, and now schools are jumping on the bandwagon by closing on Fridays. It just makes me wonder, with the economy, how much worse is this going to get? Who else will be affected?

I am not sure how much I agree with this measure. Sure, it's nice to have a three day weekend every week, but I re-

member high school and how much I wanted to get out of school and go home. Eight hours of school was more than enough for me. Just thinking about being there for a whole hour more makes me cringe. Also, at my high school, classes were arranged in a 'block' schedule—four classes a day, each ninety minutes long. If all schools in the United States were to follow this district's decision, how drastic would the change in schedule be?

I applaud the school district in Arizona for trying to remedy a situation in which they did not have enough funds to keep the schools open the normal five days a week. I am so glad this district did not choose to simply close some schools and lump all the children together. I guess in time we will see if this decision was the right one or if other measures need to be taken.

We're not socialists yet

Jeremy Riffle
Editorial Editor

During the recent debate over the Obama administration's stimulus package, the term "socialism" was bandied about both by some supporters and detractors. On a recent cover, *Newsweek* declared that "We Are All Socialists Now," while conservative critics attempted to rally opposition to the stimulus by ascribing the dreaded S word to it.

It is important to note that the term "socialism" contains a great deal of nuance and should be invoked with discretion. This, of course, does not matter to the bill's conservative detractors; if they can even comprehend it, that is. To them, socialism is a buzzword, its meaning, at worst, tantamount to godless communism or, at best, effete European policies contradictory to the American way. Used as such, it is apt for poisoning discussion and enlisting emotional reactions from their audiences.

In *Newsweek's* case, the use of the term socialist was meant to describe what it sees as our increasing embrace of a European approach to government. This does make some sense, as there are many Americans who desire the U.S. government to take a more active role in supporting research vital to long-term growth, such as alternative en-

ergy, and to take a stronger regulatory stance, among other things. Though debatable, *Newsweek's* use of the term is clearly the more rational of the two.

Regardless of *Newsweek's* stance, given the situation of the current system, it makes sense that capitalism, as we know it, has to change. The overly deregulatory approach of the past must be left by the wayside and exchanged for rational regulation. Perpetually cutting taxes regardless of the state of the national debt and budget must cease. In addition, the desire for short-term profits and goals devoid of long-term foresight, such as the American automakers' reckless obsession with fuel-inefficient SUVs and the government's desire for increased homeownership, needs to be corrected. A balance must be struck: growth must be sustainable; consumption must be affordable.

As for the stimulus, it is genuinely needed. The world is facing an economic situation that is uniquely pervasive. Only the government is capable of directly stimulating the economy and keeping what I (albeit amateurishly) call the Great Correction from becoming more devastating. Flawed as the stimulus will be, it will do just that, allowing us to correct our behavior sooner. Perhaps this is socialism, but I'm inclined to say that we are not socialists yet.

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IT in need of adopting better campus network

By Eric J. Buratty
Staff Writer

Whether going to the library or signing in to the Salisbury University online network, it has become inevitable for the typical on-campus student to face what has to be one of the most inefficient processes ever. The current Nevis Agent set up for on-campus students has caused widespread desire for adopting a better network.

The main problem is that the typical student often performs many tasks at once whenever using a computer. This degree of multi-tasking certainly influences the time lag for the network for students using personal computers. With the current network set up, it is impossible to expect to perform online-related tasks after letting the computer remain idle for 10 minutes. Students inconveniently have to refresh the connection, which takes two to three minutes if one is lucky. So in most cases, this means being less productive when performing computer-related work.

Although the Nevis Agent network setup may be an important feature for establishing a sense of security on campus, it is imperative that IT considers looking into this issue and improving it in the near future. Obviously there is a balance between using both personal and lab computers, as students still have to wait for the

system to log on with their respective username in labs. But at least when working in computer labs, the internet connection does not time out if the computer sits idle for a few minutes.

In regard to finding some solutions, IT might consider researching some better networks to adopt or just getting rid of the Nevis Agent setup all together. In either case, a new feature that would establish efficiency as well as security would generate mutual benefits and be way more desirable than the current set up.

To not paint the wrong picture, students at Salisbury University definitely have it very good. Whether living on or off campus, students at least have the convenience of using computer labs as well as being able to use their own computers. Students also have the convenience of 300 prints per week in labs—which is not to be taken for granted either. But that of course is a separate topic. The only thing left then for Salisbury to step up its game to the next level is for a campus-wide coordinated effort by IT to get a better network.

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At the threshold of insanity

By Chad Grills
Staff Writer

Our government is in uncharted waters regarding our public policy. Our society has created a generation dominated by those who feel entitled to not only liberty, but handouts and free passes. Economic reality is being blatantly ignored by the new administration. We have had the largest spending bill ever, masquerading as a stimulus and passed by a Congress who hasn't even read it. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that it will lower GDP.

The housing mess that is in part responsible for the current situation has come full circle. Government Service Enterprises Fannie and Freddie (who are among the guilty) pioneered the process of giving mortgages to those who couldn't afford them. This policy was exacerbated by politicians frothing at the mouth about "affordable housing." Rather than allow any of these policies to be scrutinized, the same policymakers now intend to "keep families in their homes." The failure of the first bailout, T.A.R.P., has been ignored. The prospect of a new housing bailout, a potential \$275 billion, has mortgage lenders waiting to form policies until the government has spoken. This money is targeted at banks that in turn will prop up those who cannot pay their mortgages. Taxpayers will be picking up the tab. The concept of punishing those who have been fiscally responsible, and forcing them to pay for another's reckless incompetence will destroy ownership. We are headed towards unbridled socialism, a place where those who are dangerously ignorant claw

the competent down to the cesspool of sub-medocrity. Government exists to preserve ownership, not to guarantee that all are owners.

Adam Smith said it best in "The Wealth of Nations," "mercy to the guilty is cruelty to the innocent."

CNBC recently took a break from perpetuating this crisis, and a voice of sanity rang out. Rick Santelli, (a rare CNBC correspondent who has been successful outside of media) spoke fervently about the government subsidizing economically damaging ideas. Reporting from the floor of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Santelli called out, "This is America! How many of you want to pay for your neighbor's mortgage?" The gallery's response leads me to think those at the CME are not enthusiastic to fund bad decisions. This is a sample of working America, a cry from those who responsibly create wealth and jobs.

The era of personal responsibility is dangerously close to eroding into government liability to ensure equality of outcome. The truth about living in a free society is a double-edged sword; all are given freedom of choice, but you are on your own. The consequence of this truth rests on the basis that life is difficult; hardships are barriers that must be overcome to achieve the American dream. In allowing struggle, our society can create incredibly resilient individuals and families. The United States is the last and best hope for our world. Should we allow our nation to corrode to one dominated by aged children with a socialist mindset immune to logic? If so, the consequences will be disastrous.

Miami book banning violates First Amendment rights

By Tara Underwood
Staff Writer

Books are meant for learning and broadening our horizons when it comes to the powerful words, messages or history displayed on the pages. A few years ago, the Miami-Dade School Board banned the children's book "Vamos a Cuba," or "A Visit to Cuba." Their reason: the book portrayed too much of Fidel Castro's regime under dictatorial rule. Recently, The American Civil Liberties Union claimed that banning the book violated the First Amendment. A U.S. District Court judge agreed with the ACLU, but a federal appeals court sided with the school board to keep the book banned.

"A Visit to Cuba" is part of a series for children and teaches them about the geography, customs and daily life in Cuba, as well

as other countries.

A student's father, a former political prisoner in Cuba, complained that the book's portrayal of Cuba is inaccurate. Cuba was depicted as a paradise and not a dictatorship. The school system replaced this series claiming that the book was banned exclusively on the inaccurate portrayal of life in Cuba and not for educational reasons. But was the book not written for a young audience? Ideas of Communism are not addressed; the life is depicted as simplistic and depicted for children ages four to eight. Miami's anti-Castro political standpoint unquestionably had a big part in the banning.

The accuracy of life should not matter in a book intended for children of such young ages. They are without a doubt going to learn about the true facts once they reach higher levels of education.

The Supreme Court should not let the ruling stand. School boards have the right to ban or rule against such things, but the First Amendment does exist for a reason. Political viewpoints should not be suppressed and the book's viewpoint of life in Cuba should not be ignored. The author of the series has the right and should be able to use it freely, accepted everywhere.

The ruling is unconstitutional. Books are meant to educate and express opinions. Banning books does nothing on the part of humans. We are supposed to accept all ideas and only learn from the writings of each other. The First Amendment allows free speech, so why ban books? Is this not practicing the First Amendment and going against the Constitution our forefathers so carefully constructed?

Letter to the Editor

Much has been made over a letter I recently wrote to my customers (renters) regarding my views on positions of several candidates in the upcoming election. In that letter I expressed my belief that certain candidates support policies which are not beneficial to renters, namely policies which have decreased housing options and availability and increased housing costs for Renters and that Renters should take notice of that when considering for whom to vote in the upcoming election.

Although I have said nothing personal about any candidate, my letter has been characterized as an "attack" on Debbie Campbell, Bob Caldwell and Jim Ireton. It is not an attack, but it is a partisan letter. It is intended to be. Those squealing the loudest, ironically, are the daily contributors/participants in local blogs and other public comment forums, who regularly abuse, slander and assail other people, people whom they do not even know, and do so without even having the courage to sign their names to their slanderous and malicious creations; and the beneficiaries of that unscrupulous ruthless and corrupt activity who watch it happen, accept the benefit from the abuse suffered by others and pretend they saw or heard nothing. Has Debbie Campbell been one of those beneficiaries? I'll let you decide.

I have known Debbie (Burley) Campbell since 1991 when I first met her at a forum at Salisbury University. We served on the Camden Neighborhood Association Board of Directors together and on the Salisbury Neighborhood Action Committee (SNAAC) in the early 1990s. The Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Service chapter was an outgrowth of that Committee's work and Salisbury Area Property Owners Association (SAPOA) had much to do with getting NHS to Salisbury and Debbie the job as its first Director. I have not said anything personal about her in my letter, only about policies and positions I have seen her take and support.

I have known Bob Caldwell since first grade at the STC Campus Elementary School (a long time) and Jim Ireton since we both served on the Board of Directors of the Camden Neighborhood Association about 15 years ago and later when I served as Chairman of the Wicomico Democratic Central Committee. I have worked amicably with both in the past. In my letter, I said nothing personal nor did I attack either in any way. Bob and Jim have both been involved in politics (Bob with the Republican Central Committee, and Jim with the Democratic Club) long enough to know politics are partisan. My only disagreement with them is about policies I believe they support and I said so.

I did point out that I believe both have supported and support the same policies as Debbie Campbell, namely increasing the costs and fees on rentals, and decreasing the number of persons who can live in a rental property, regardless of the number of bedrooms (4 to 2) thus making them more and more unaffordable for Renters. However, if my belief is incorrect and either has not been or is not presently in favor of Policies and Ordinances which have increased the costs and fees on rentals and decreased the number of persons who can live in a rental property (4 to 2), thus reducing housing access and options for many renters, then I will be happy to hear it and I will personally write another letter to my customers (renters) saying exactly that.

Richard C. Insley, Jr.
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The economic stimulus bill and what it means to you

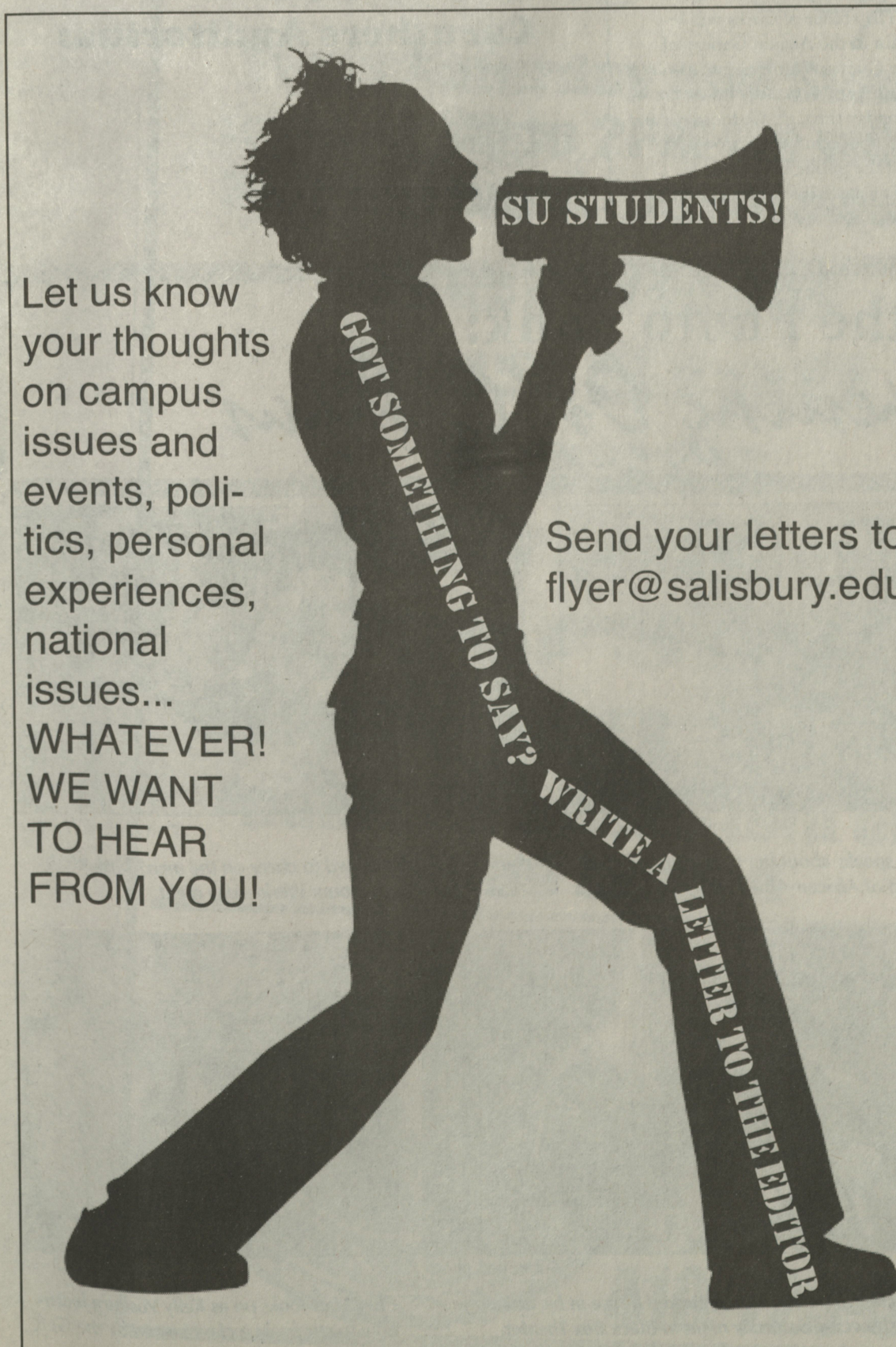
By Kyra Milbourne
Staff Writer

On Feb. 17, President Barack Obama signed into law the most expensive bill in U.S. history. This marks an unprecedented accomplishment in passing such a huge bill—1079 pages long, with a price tag of \$787 billion. The emergency stimulus package is hoped to be the answer to our hurting economy. The funds from this bill will be disbursed in many different areas. Unlike last year's stimulus package, this one will not be aimed toward just individuals, but to larger initiatives that Obama hopes will have a lasting impact on jobs.

One of the top priorities of the stimulus package will be to assist homeowners in danger of foreclosure; car manufacturers are in line to receive additional help. A large percentage is earmarked for infrastructure projects such as roads, bridges, public housing, school construction, etc. Unemployment benefits are slated to be extended, and a controversial provision which opponents contend will lead to

socialized health care, will be used to implement a national healthcare computer data base. The only part of the package that directly affects individuals will be a \$13 a week reduction in payroll taxes this year and only \$8 next year. Mr. Obama and congressional Democrats believe that investing in these projects will create jobs, lower healthcare costs and inject more money into our struggling economy. Opponents say that the bill will lead to massive debt which will be passed on to our children and grandchildren as well as increased government control and more dependency on government.

So all those individuals out there that think a check will be coming to their homes are sadly mistaken. You might see your health care cost go down, or tax cuts within your pay check, but no check payable to you. Mr. Obama has staked his presidency on this major stimulus. The stimulus can either work, or put us further in the hole. Whatever the results may be, it is certain to be life changing, whether it be good or bad.



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Eclectic concert to raise green for Blackwell

By Casey Wachter
Staff Writer

"An Evening of Irish and American Songs with Mike O'Loughlin and Friends," is an upcoming fundraiser for the Salisbury University Blackwell Library. Dr. Michael O'Loughlin, chair of the Political Science Department, is working with three other performers to provide a concert of Irish and contemporary American music.

The performance will be held on Feb. 28 in the Black Box theatre in Fulton Hall at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the circulation desk in the library or at the door.

Three other performers will accompany O'Loughlin. Susan Zimmer, a professor of music theory and music appreciation at Salisbury University, will play the piano and piccolo. Zimmer will also sing at the performance.

O'Loughlin will be accompanied by his son, Shane. Shane is a recent graduate from James M. Bennett High School who plays guitar and sings with his father as well as in his own band.

Mickey Justice will round out the performance. He plays many instru-

ments including the Irish bouzouki, mandolin, Irish whistles and the Irish and Scottish bagpipes. O'Loughlin describes Justice as "a marvelous musician."

"I am looking forward to performing a solo performance with music of a piano and the whole band-like performance. It is my first solo so it is an additional challenge, but very exciting," O'Loughlin said.

Proceeds from this performance will be donated to the Blackwell Library. "The entire staff appreciates not only Dr. O'Loughlin and his fellow performers' time but their generosity in donating all proceeds to Blackwell Library. That kindness will directly benefit students," said Alice Bahr, the dean of the library. "The proceeds will be used to purchase additional materials students need for their class work and assignments."

According to O'Loughlin, mostly Irish music will be played during the show. There will be some Irish-American music during the performance and a few contemporary American songs.

"I am looking forward to the concert because the music and the other performers are so enjoyable. Irish music is known for its singable



Sarah Lake photo

Michael O'Loughlin, chair of the Political Science Department, headlines "An Evening of Irish and American Songs" on Saturday, Feb. 28 at Black Box Theatre. Proceeds from the event will benefit Blackwell Library.

melodies and driving dance rhythms so our audience is in for a great evening!" Zimmer said.

"Our attempt is to take the audience on an emotional roller coaster. We play love songs, Irish rebel songs, songs about time and even songs about death. They are all very emotional performances," O'Loughlin said.

The concert brings a fun, lively show to the Salisbury University campus for a great cause. "I am very excited. It will be fun to perform. I hope people will come out and enjoy listening to the performances," O'Loughlin said.

Tickets are available now and will be available on the night of the performance.

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Local high school artists display work in Atrium

By Amanda Durski
Staff Writer

Long hours, hard work and artistic socialization consume the lives of students who participate in the Wicomico County Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) Program, which chooses juniors and seniors from three high schools in Wicomico County.

The talented artists were able to showcase their amazing pieces of art at Salisbury University's Atrium Gallery in an open house on Feb. 18. The paintings, drawings and other works of art adorned the walls and impressed the many who attended. It was easy to tell that each design took many hours and was created by a skilled artist.

"Every work takes several hours to complete but I do it for fun. It is a great opportunity to



Kelly Robinson photo

Parkside High School senior Andy Flexner imitates his self portrait, titled "Turn That Frown Upside Down," at the Feb. 18 Open House.

put my thoughts on paper," said Parkside High School Senior Brandon Hildreth.

"I was scared at first to participate in VPA but I am really glad that I did. It is helpful for college and is great for people who want to get a lot out of art," said Laura Gutierrez, a junior at Bennett High School.

"The students draw their inspiration from important items in their life, the surrounding world and each other."

"Our class of artists acts as a kind of inspiration. Everyone is very supportive of one another and of their work," said Andy Flexner, who is also a senior at Parkside.

As well as lasting friendships,

VPA provides the students with a great springboard into the future of studying art. "The program better prepares me for college. It allows me to receive individual attention from the teachers," said Wicomico High Senior Hedi Steinmann.

"We love them to death," said the Parkside instructor, Margaret Tossey. "It is such a super group of amazing artists."

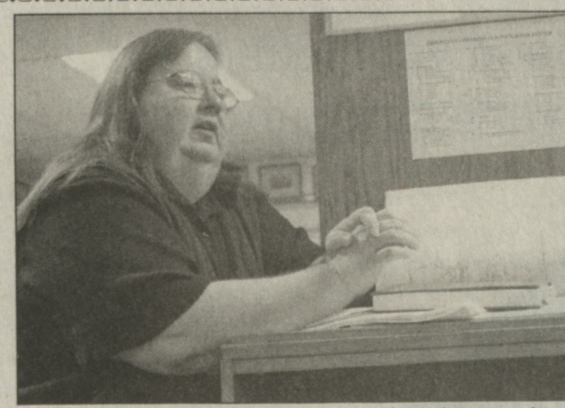
The students' works will remain in the Atrium Gallery of the Guerrieri University Center until April 4. Gallery hours are Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and the public is invited.

For more information call 410-548-3972.

From the Photo Bank:
What's Happening On Campus

Sarah Lake photo

Beven Barnhart and Dana Herson perform at Wednesday's Open Mic Night. The event was hosted by SAGE.



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Linda Dwyer speaks about her book "Round The Pond" as part of African-American History Month.



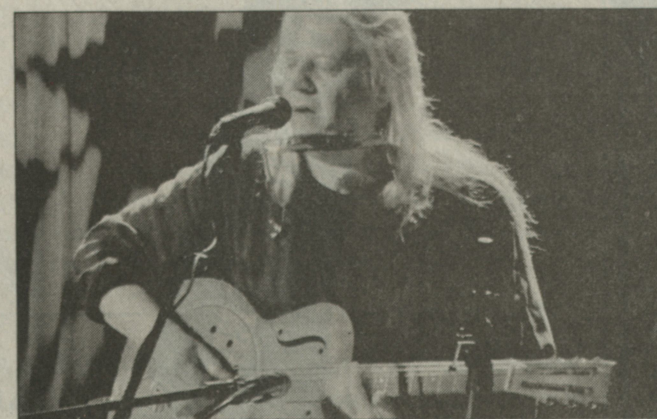
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Sammy joins the crowd to cheer on the men's basketball team against Marymount Wednesday night.



Kelly Robinson photo

Students unveil their artwork at the VPA Student's Eighth Annual Exhibition reception Wednesday in the Atrium Gallery.



Submitted photo

Chris English performs to a packed house in his authentic blues showcase Saturday night in Black Box Theater.



Adrienne Price photo

Chef Matt looks on as Kelly Vosburg learns how to stir fry in a class hosted by the GUC.

Ms. Advice



Ms. Advice answers all your questions, even private ones, in complete confidentiality. Send your questions to: kk14480@students.salisbury.edu

"Why is it that nice guys always finish last? I've tried being nice all my life to women and get nothing, yet if some guy who treats them really badly comes in, they're the ones who end up with a girlfriend and me alone. What's the deal?"

Whatever you do, don't stop being nice. Even if right now you don't have a girlfriend, you are going to develop in ways that will keep you coming in first for a long time.

So, why do so many of us chase after those who treat us wrong? Some like the challenge of "winning" a partner's attention and warmth and overvalue even the little successes that in total rarely add up to the healthy relationships that we want and deserve. If you still believe that nice guys finish last, okay, but hopefully they're more likely to finish feeling good about themselves.

"I think my roommate is a lesbian. Should I ask her?"

It may be helpful to think about your own reaction to the idea that your roommate is a lesbian before speaking with her. Are you upset because you wish she had told you?

Are you uncomfortable with homosexuality? Maybe you are concerned about how others will react if you are living with a lesbian. What would you like to say to her?

Perhaps it would help to write your thoughts and questions in a letter that you would not send, to clarify your feelings. You could talk with her about some of your thoughts, not by asking her to explain herself, but by explaining your observations and your eagerness to learn. There is likely a great deal you can learn from your roommate and not just because of her sexual orientation (whatever it may be). By keeping an open mind, you may even strengthen a friendship.

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ENCORE! Cheer and Dance Championships, LLC (CDC) has staff openings for various positions for their competition event Saturday, March 28, 2009. The event will be held at the Hyatt Center at UMES. Accepted staff workers must have reliable transportation to and from the event and must attend a pre-event meeting on Friday, March 27, 2009 for complete instructions regarding the days event. Some positions will require workers on the afternoon/evening of before event. Interested persons must have a valid SSN and must be above the age of 18. Candidates must possess qualities of professionalism and event attitude will be provided. Interested persons should send a letter of interest to info@encore-championships.com, (mailto:info@encore-championships.com) with a valid contact telephone number. Positions include production set up, greeters, timers, team escorts, concessions and more. For additional information contact CDC at 443-359-5183.

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Mini relay kicks off fundraising season

By Jillian Verpent
Staff Writer

The Worcester room was full of excitement and anticipation last Tuesday night as people geared up for the upcoming Relay for Life on May 1. The event, held from 5:30 to 8 p.m., was the annual Mini Relay University, where team captains and participants from 12 Relay events along the Lower Eastern Shore were invited to attend a training and motivation session with a Hollywood theme.

Hosted by the American Cancer Society's South Atlantic Division and covering Sussex, Caroline, Queen Anne's, Dorchester, Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset Counties and the Eastern Shore of

Virginia, the Mini Relay featured a motivational speaker, an awards ceremony for last year's standout teams and training workshops.

"The Relay for Life event is a year round event," said Arlene Joyner, Area Manager for the American Cancer Society. "Participants must begin their fundraising efforts months in advance."

"Holding the Mini Relay helps maintain motivation," added Kati Weber, an income manager with the American Cancer Society. "It helps team captains motivate team members and helps them be successful in their fundraising."

This year's motivational speaker was volunteer Lonah Elliott, a cancer survivor. She was able to share

with the audience her experience battling cancer and her involvement in Relay for Life.

The speaker was followed with the group of about 40 dividing into five break-out sessions, which were run by volunteers who had been successful in the area during past Relay events. The sessions provided training in fundraising, event production, team development, committee development and online development. During the sessions, participants can discuss ideas and go over what has worked in the past and what has not.

Last year, Relay for Life teams on the Lower Eastern Shore raised approximately \$1.5 million.

Relay for Life has become a global movement to end cancer, Weber

said. It is not just about raising money, it is about pulling together to fight for one cause. The events provide communities with the opportunity to come together towards one goal: ending cancer.

With a one in three chance of being impacted by cancer at one point in a person's lifetime, the Relay for Life goal is an important one.

"Because we have parents, friends, children and significant others in our lives who need us and depend on us, it is imperative that we heed the call to action that Relay for Life offers," Joyner said. "We are getting closer to eliminating cancer as a major cause of premature death in the U.S. We can't afford to stop now."

News from the Press Release Office

Eastern Shore Children's Literature Series

SALISBURY, MD---The Eastern Shore Children's Literature Series continues with author Priscilla Cummings 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, in room 153 of Salisbury University's Teacher Education and Technology Center.

Cummings' Chadwick the Crab series, about a blue crab from Maryland, is well known in the mid-Atlantic. An Annapolis resident, she grew up on a dairy farm in western Massachusetts. She said she always loved to write, and drew inspiration for her stories from the animals she was surrounded by. "Often, I illustrated those stories and made them into little books. Writing was something I did for fun."

After writing several children's

books, with titles including Oswald and the Timberdoodles, Toulouse: The Story of a Canada Goose, and the Chadwick series, Cummings began publishing novels that focused on an older audience. One of her most notable

is Red Kayak, for which she won the American Library Association Best Books for Young Adults designation in 2006. Other books include Chesapeake Rainbow, Autumn Journey and What Mr. Mattero Did. Cummings' talk is followed by a reception and book signing at 6 p.m. in room 226 of the TETC. Sponsored by the Samuel W. and Marilyn C. Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies, the event is free and the public is invited. For information call 410-543-6030 or visit the SU Web site at www.salisbury.edu.

Nabb Center hosts family history workshop

SALISBURY, MD---Want to research family roots but don't know where to begin?

Dr. Ray Thompson, director of Salisbury University's Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture, hosts a family history workshop from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 7, at the center in the East Campus Complex. Thompson shares some 60 different types of records and talks about how they may be used in research.

"Who wouldn't want to learn more about themselves where they came from, who their ancestors were and what they were like?" Thompson said. "But when people hear the word 'genealogy,' it brings to mind, dusty books, dry statistics and daunting hours of research work. Most people get discouraged before they even begin."

"For others, it's simply a matter of not having the time to spend hours online or studying historical archives researching their family history. Even the most enthusiastic beginning family researchers need some basic help to get started."

Cost is \$30 per person. To register or for more information call 410-543-6312 or visit the Nabb Research Center Web site at <http://nabbhistorysalisbury.edu>.

What's Cooking?
Recipes for a tight budgetBy Mike Fiorinski
Staff Writer

On Tuesday Feb. 24, millions of people in nations across the world will be participating in various celebrations of Mardi Gras and "Fat Tuesday." This historically Catholic pre-Lenten holiday, vigorously celebrated around the world, is known as *Carnaval* in Spain, Portugal and Latin America and *Karneval* in Germany. Fat Tuesday, also known as Shrove Tuesday in the UK, is the day before Ash Wednesday, the day which marks the beginning of Lent in Catholic traditions. The cities of Rio de Janeiro, Recife and Salvador in Brazil, as well as Barranquilla, Colombia host the largest, most vibrant and famous celebrations which include tens of thousands of performers and dancers with millions of people watching and taking part in the festivities. Some traditional foods include pancakes and sweet pastries in Europe, grilled meats and Feijoada in Brazil, as well as Cajun classics like jambalaya, gumbo and dirty rice in Louisiana and Alabama. This week's recipe is another Cajun/Creole classic, Red Beans and Rice. This dish can be made with or without meat, but is traditionally prepared with ham hocks and/or smoked sausage.

Cajun Red Beans and Rice
8 oz. dried red beans (1/2 a bag)
2 cups water or chicken stock
1 cup rice (white or brown)
1/4 cup celery diced
1/4 cup green bell pepper diced
1 cup onion diced (one medium onion)
2 cloves of garlic diced
8 oz. smoked sausage, chopped (turkey or andouille or tempeh)
1 tbsp. olive oil
1-2 tbsp. hot sauce (chipotle or regular Tabasco)
1 tsp. Paprika
1 tsp. Red Pepper flakes
1/2 tsp dried thyme
1/2 tsp dried oregano
1-2 Bay leaves
Salt and Pepper to taste.

Method:
1. Rinse and soak dry beans in water for 8 hours or overnight. Be sure to cover with 2-3 times as much water than beans. Drain beans.
2. Heat oil in medium-large pot over medium heat. Add smoked sausage and brown for 3-4 minutes, then add celery, garlic and onion, a pinch of salt and pepper and sauté for 2-3 more minutes.
3. Add beans, water (or stock), bell pepper, spices, hot sauce, bay leaves and another pinch each of salt and pepper and bring to boil on medium-high heat.
4. Reduce heat, cover and simmer on low/med-low heat for 90 minutes or until beans are tender.
5. While beans are cooking prepare rice according to package instructions.
6. When beans are tender use back of stirring spoon or spatula to smash about half of the beans to help thicken the sauce. Remove bay leaves before eating. Serve beans over rice with some chopped scallions and a bit of sour cream or plain yogurt.

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Club Spotlight

Two organizations for big change



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Maureen Walker, president of the Save Darfur Club, addresses members at their first meeting, which attracted more than 30 SU students.

By Robert Cogdell
Staff Writer

There are two new clubs on campus that have plans for big action and even bigger change. The Save Darfur

Club and Project Defend the Innocent of Africa (DTIA) are both geared to educate the campus on conflicts in Africa and mass genocide. The Save Darfur Club was founded

by junior Maureen Walker, who is the current club president. "I just got fed up. No one is doing anything," Walker said. "I think it's a huge tragedy. We have the ability to do something."

This club concentrates its efforts on raising awareness of over six years of declared genocide, 3 million people dead and 27 million people displaced. For future events, the club anticipates organizing a petition campaign to send to President Barack Obama in order to urge swift action. Also in the works is a candlelight vigil to acknowledge and honor the fallen victims along with guest lecturers and movie screenings.

The club's first meeting brought together more than 30 eager students willing to do their part. The Save Darfur Club meets in the Fireside

lounge on Mondays and Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

Another organization also directed towards change and social awareness is Project Defend the Innocent of Africa. Founded in fall 2008, this club was organized and strongly influenced by The Invisible Children, which is a non-profit organization that raises and provides financial resources for Northern Uganda children forced to fight in war.

"It's hard to put into words and the worst is doing nothing. [America's] worst problems are nothing compared to being a seven to eight-year-old child and forced to kill your family," said senior Allison Mente, who co-founded the group with fellow senior Seth Young.

In order to spread awareness, the organization has plans to show docu-

mentaries covering the atrocities, along with a benefit concert or variety show. "We want to spread awareness. If everyone does their part in sharing the story, [it] can be greater than monetary value, like a donation of 100 dollars," Mente said.

At the club's first meeting they discussed upcoming events and handed out red and black ribbons reading: "We are individuals part of a generation eager for change and willing to pursue it," as yet another device to spread this awareness. Students interested can contact Allison Mente for more information.

Both clubs offer students ways to help and influence other parts of the world struck with poverty and fatal conflict. In this they raise social and political awareness and push for global change and peaceful equality.

Weekly Greek News



Sarah Wright photo

The ladies of Delta Gamma initiate potential new members at the Feb. 9 Panhellenic recruitment event in the Great Hall of Holloway.

Phew! As another successful Salisbury University Formal Recruitment wrapped up last week, each of the four sororities was able to walk away with an army of new girls. The week-long event proved successful as all participants left with a new set of sisters and a new place to call home.

The beginning of the semester was crunch time for the executive members of Panhellenic as they put together many events, flyers and posters leading up to recruitment week. Rachael Tavik, president, along with Allison Wayne, vice president,

Amanda Pincus, secretary, and Erin Rudy, treasurer, worked diligently to make sure, against all odds, that this semester's recruitment was just as successful as the ones in years past. With the loss of John Stout as the Greek Advisor, Tavik pulled together her team along with the help of Lindsey Van Coutren, graduate assistant for Greek Life, to ensure that every organization was able to recruit as many girls as possible. "I am so proud of Panhellenic," Van Coutren said. "They did an exceptional job making sure they were able to get in-

formation out about recruitment and put in countless hours answering e-mails, setting up the events, and making sure everyone interested was able to find the right organization for them. It took a lot of time and energy and these girls rose to the challenge."

After months of preparation, over 100 girls showed up Feb. 9, ready to meet each organization and see what sorority life had to offer.

New Delta Gamma member Holli Trice was most impressed by the support of the nominated girls who disaffiliated themselves from their organization to help with recruitment. "I felt like the Rho Deltas were all really understanding and it was great to always have someone you could call if you were unsure about anything," Trice said.

Despite all the hard work and chaotic hours, Spring 2009 recruitment was well worth the effort. "This week was such a great experience, and I would totally do it all again!" Tavik said. "It was awesome to see all four sororities working together to keep Greek Life on our campus growing."



Brett Morgan photo

Viva Espresso, located on E. College Avenue near the South Division St. intersection, offers students a quick bite to eat and hot cup o' joe.

Viva Espresso brings life to Salisbury

You'll like it a latte

By Cara Barrett
Staff Writer

If you haven't been to Viva Espresso, it feels like walking into a home away from home. There is an automatic feeling of comfort that one experiences when entering. Whether it is the cozy and inviting interior or the simple and homemade food, Viva Espresso is a welcoming environment to all.

This past Saturday was my first time to experience Viva Espresso. From the moment I walked in I was greeted by the friendly baristas and when I was not sure what to order, the California Chicken sandwich was suggested. The baristas gladly bring your ordered items to your table or seat and I was pleasantly surprised to see that along with my sandwich was also a fresh bean salad. For what seemed like a quick hour and a half that I was there, the crowd never subsided. There were not only college students grabbing a drink to go but also forty-something couples and parents with their children grabbing a late lunch.

Staying healthy at college

By Diana Dwyer
Staff Writer

Avoiding the Freshman Fifteen? Trying to stick to a New Year's resolution? Healthy U, a program based at Salisbury University, is here to help. Allison Sheridan from Healthy U held a seminar sponsored by Commuter Connections last Wednesday with helpful tips to lead a healthier lifestyle.

It all starts with a healthier diet and the key to that is five fruits and vegetables a day. Cool Beans makes it easy by offering an array of delicious fruit smoothies and the Commons serves a vast selection of fresh fruits and vegetables daily. The Bistro is the best bet for health-conscious students because it incorporates the Bon Coeur ("Good Heart") program, designed to make low-fat dishes tasty.

Healthy U also recognizes that dedication to diet and exercise requires a little motivation. Members who maintain exercise logs are entered into prize drawings, a membership card with discounts for 26 local businesses is available and weekly walks on Thursdays are held at SU's track. The incentive-based program offers 10 percent off at participating Subway restaurants and members showing outstanding health improvement are invited to be entered into a \$1000 drawing during the organization's HUEY awards.

To stay healthy take advantage of



Telecia Taylor photo

Allison Sheridan of Healthy U speaks to Commuter students Wednesday.

wellness screenings, which at University Health Services are a bargain starting at \$5 per visit (additional fees apply according to the tests administered). University Health Services also offers smoking cessation classes and tools. The cessation of smoking can improve lung capacity and overall health.

Sheridan advised students to sign up for a newspaper subscription. "It is \$50 worth of coupons for a buck," Sheridan said. Sheridan also added that Food Lion, located near campus, has a Guiding Stars program. Food Lion makes it easy by rating foods with one, two or three stars to give shoppers the green light that this food is good, better or best, respectively.

For information on how to sign up for Healthy U, visit their Web site www.healthydelmarva.com.

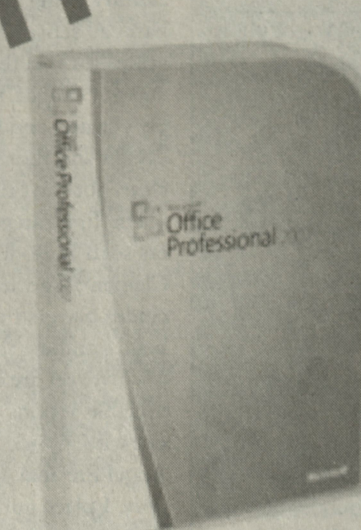
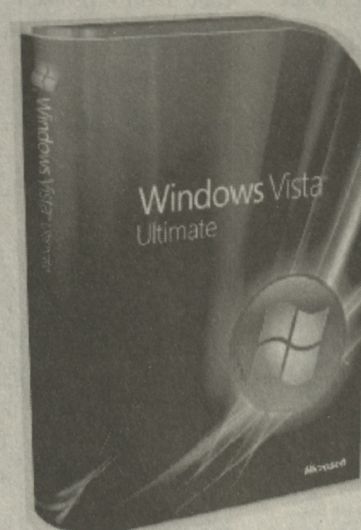
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Katharine Curran looks to set up the offense in Saturday's game against Hood College. Curran finished with a career high of 31 points on Pink Zone day.

Women's basketball defeats Hood after Marymount loss

By Kaidyn Sullivan
Staff Writer

The Salisbury women's basketball team (8-16, 8-7) lost to Marymount (20-4, 13-2) on Wednesday, but returned to the court Saturday afternoon to defeat Hood College.

The Gulls had an eight point lead at half time against Marymount but the Saints came back to win 65-49. Freshmen guards Meghan Dunn and Glen Charlton led the Gulls with 14 points each. Junior forward Kylie Hall had nine points for Salisbury.

The Gulls were quick to gain and maintain their lead in the first half. The Saints were down by one with only six minutes left in the half, but Dunn secured the Gulls' lead by eight points with just four minutes to go. Salisbury was able to hold onto their lead until eight minutes

into the second half. After a 10-0 run by Marymount, the Gulls were unable to come back for the win. Salisbury hosted another conference game against Hood College (4-21, 2-14) on Saturday. The Gulls defeated the Blazers with a final score of 71-63. The Gulls came out strong and ready to win after Wednesday's loss.

"We encouraged each other, pushed each other when we needed and supported each other. Our leadership has been tremendous," said head coach Charisse Mapp.

Freshman Katherine Curran led the Gulls with a career high 31 points. "I think she epitomizes our season from beginning to end. She is confident and she knows the team will always give her the green light to shoot," Mapp said.

Junior forward Janay Johnson helped the Gulls secure their win

with her double-double, 13 points and 11 rebounds. Dunn accumulated eight points for Salisbury, while Hall had 11 rebounds. Curran kicked the game off with 11 points in just five minutes into the first half. The Gulls were able to keep their lead, but the Blazers were never far behind.

"This game was a struggle at times because they played well against all of our strengths. It had to be a total team effort for us to win," Mapp said.

Hood came back to tie the game up 36-36 in the second half. Salisbury quickly regained their lead with a 12-4 run. In the final minutes of the game, Hood was no match for the Gulls and Salisbury secured their win with an 18-6 run.

The Gulls will play at Wesley for the quarter finals of the CAC tournament Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.

Editor's Corner

Please be clean, Manny

By Jeffrey Southworth
Sports Editor

With Alex Rodriguez's dirty laundry being aired this past week baseball separated into three categories for me: those who cheated and got caught, those who probably cheated and haven't been caught and those who I pray were clean but can't really be sure.

The first category includes players such as Rodriguez, Bonds and Clemens. The second category includes players that have produced huge numbers that haven't tested positive, yet are involved in questionable actions such as hanging out with alleged steroids dealer Angel Presinal. In the third category, I place guys I trust but am nervous to find out if they've been cheating like Griffey and Pujols.

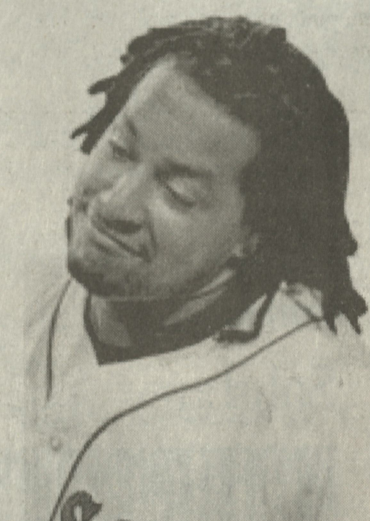
In the steroids era it seems that you can't truly believe that anyone is playing clean. The more and more I think about this, the more and more I believe it. Baseball lost all credibility when the man that was supposed to make us forget about Bonds admitted to being injected with steroids. This whole credibility thing has me thinking, who would I be willing to bet was clean? After thinking about this question, I came up with the answer: Manny Ramirez.

I will probably go on to question every major league baseball player, but I truly and honestly believe that Manny Ramirez was put on

this earth to hit a baseball. Fans and everyone alike need to look past the "Manny being Manny" persona he has adopted and appreciate him for probably being a top three right-handed hitter of all-time.

I may be naive in thinking that one of the game's best hitters is clean when everyone else is doing steroids; but I am willing to believe Manny.

There is something about Manny rolling around in an outfield and giving high fives that I find pure, not distasteful. Hopefully in however many years it takes to clean up baseball, we will all turn to Manny and recognize him as one of the best hitters of all-time that did it without steroids.



Manny Ramirez

SU Men's basketball stumble, but recover

By Jeremy Kummer
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday, the Salisbury men's basketball team (11-14, 8-8) hosted Capital Athletic Conference's Marymount University. Both teams were 7-7 in the conference and fighting for fourth place in order to get at least one home game in the tournament. Salisbury could only muster 19 points by halftime as Marymount controlled the action and led by 10 going into the locker rooms.

When the game resumed, Salisbury got back on track. Within the first seven minutes of the second half, Salisbury had already surpassed their half-time score. Salisbury made some shots and played really hard defense.

"We got back to our original game plan and our shots finally began to

fall," said senior forward Sean Whittaker.

Salisbury was only 1-6 from three-point land in the first half but made six out of 10 in the second half. Led by junior guard Greg Palmer, who recorded a team high of 17 points, Salisbury outscored Marymount 41-33 in the second half.

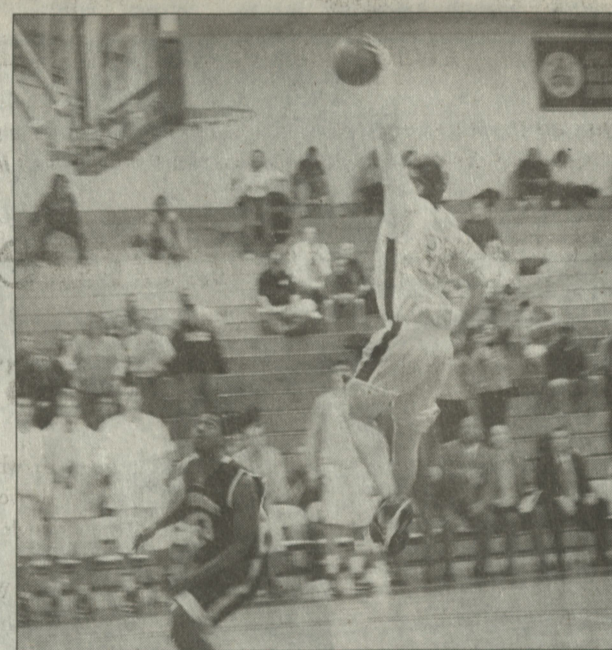
"Salisbury was a different team in the second half. They hit the shots they needed to hit in order to stay in the game after a disappointing first half," said senior Darren Johnson.

With just over one minute remaining in the game, Salisbury took a 60-58 lead. On the ensuing possession, Marymount tied the game at 60 with a put back after a missed shot. After a time-out, Salisbury had 10 seconds to go for the win or be content with overtime, however, neither ended up happening.

Salisbury in bounded to Palmer who was unable to convert. Marymount secured the rebound and took it coast to coast for the game winning lay-up. Marymount defeated Salisbury 62-60.

On Saturday, Salisbury welcomed Hood College (9-16, 6-10) to Maggs Gym. With a 7-8 in conference record, Salisbury was desperate for a win in order to clinch a playoff birth, and they delivered. Seniors Whittaker, Tim Brasel and Brandon Abney all received the start on senior night and took full advantage of Hood College.

Even though it was senior night, the spotlight was stolen by junior guard Devin Jones. Jones led the Sea Gulls with 26 points as Salisbury won the nail-biter 75-73. Salisbury now has to travel to Marymount on Feb. 24 for the first round of the CAC playoff tournament.



Dan Anderson photo

Ryan Hourihan soars through the air for the left handed dunk over the Marymount defender.

Alum Byron Westbrook re-signs with Redskins

By Fred Hobbs
Staff Writer

Former Salisbury University All American defensive back Byron Westbrook was re-signed by the Washington Redskins on Feb. 11 in an effort to give Westbrook an opportunity to make the team roster in training camp.

Westbrook has spent the past two seasons on the Washington Redskins practice squad after being signed as an undrafted free agent in May 2007. In 2007 preseason, he posted six tackles, returned six punts for a 7.7-yard average, three kickoffs for a 22.7-yard average and recovered a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown. Last preseason, Westbrook recorded seven tackles and one pass defended.

The NFL rules state that a player cannot be on the practice squad of a single team for more than two



Internet photo

Salisbury alum Byron Westbrook will attempt to make the Redskins roster by the end of training camp.

consecutive seasons. In order for Westbrook to stay a Redskin he must earn a roster spot in training camp. The Washington Redskins are looking to improve their secondary this upcoming season in hopes of building an overall dominant defense.

During Westbrook's tenure at Salisbury, he was named first-team All-Atlantic Central Football Conference twice at cornerback and first-team all-conference selection as a return specialist.

"Byron was dominant," said Salisbury head football coach Sherman Wood. "Did everything you asked. Dominated in every aspect of the game, was very intelligent and in the right place at the right

time."

Coach Wood also mentioned how when he was a player his dream was to go to the next level, but it didn't work out. Therefore, his next goal is to get someone else into the league and be successful at the next level.

This upcoming training camp, Westbrook has the chance to do what few people have the chance to do, which is make an NFL roster. Westbrook is the younger brother of Philadelphia Eagles running back Brian Westbrook, who is a two-time pro bowler and has played in a Super Bowl. Westbrook is originally from Ft. Washington where he attended DeMatha High School.



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Women's Lax defeats Newport in season opener

By Edward Baidoo
Staff Writer

The No. 3 Gulls of Salisbury University had a good start of the season with a win in their home opener over Christopher Newport University 18-8.

The Gulls got off to a fast start in the game by scoring the first seven goals before Christopher Newport's Alyssa Burke scored the first goal for the Captains. The Gulls then went on to get an 11-3 lead going into halftime.

SU continued to be on the attack in the second half as they eventually extended their lead to a 16-4 margin. The Captains made a run late to get the score to 17-8, but that was ended when Liz Filgueras scored to put an end to the game.

Head coach Jim Nestor was happy about the way the team performed in a good test against a solid Christopher Newport squad. "It makes you feel as if you are in cruise control and running on all cylinders. Jumping out early allows you to be more relaxed offensively and get rid

of any possible jitters," Nestor said.

The Gulls were led in scoring by Jessica Chmielewski and Courtney Sorenson who each had four goals in the game. Chmielewski also had two assists. Senior goalie Sonja Stuart made five saves in the game for the Gulls.

The Captains were led in scoring by Meghan Harkey, Alyssa Burke and Kaitlin Quigley who all scored two goals a piece. CNU goalie Gayle Robinson made nine saves in defeat for the Captains.

There were many factors in deciding this game, such as the quick 7-0 start for the Gulls; but another key stat that ultimately determined the outcome was the advantage they had in draw control.

"Draw control was a big factor in the game. We had a 16-12 advantage and we won them at the key times of the game. We also finished opportunities when we had good looks," Nestor said.

The next game for the Gulls is on Feb. 25 when they welcome Virginia Wesleyan at 6 p.m. in a non-conference game at Sea Gull Stadium.



Daniel McFarland photo

Senior mid-fielder Ashleigh Gender plays defense against CNU during the season opener on Wednesday game. The Sea Gulls won 18-8.



Dan Anderson photo

Jordan Crystal is greeted by teammates after hitting a solo home run during Saturday's game. The Sea Gulls beat the College of Staten Island 8-1 and 9-3 in the doubleheader.

Baseball comes out on top in four game stretch

By Therren Dennis
Staff Writer

After opening their season on the road last weekend, the Salisbury University No. 9 baseball team returned home in the frigid weather for a three-day, four-game stretch.

Day one of their return resulted in a blowout in their favor as they shutout Acadia University 13-0. Junior first baseman Mike Celenza had a day at the plate as he led the offense with two home runs including the second one that soared over the right field fence and over the development site of the new parking garage.

"Sometimes you feel good after hitting one," Celenza said. "The second one comes and it feels just as easy as the first."

Four Sea Gulls pitched in the day's affair as they held the Knights to six hits. The Sea Gulls notched 11 hits and committed no errors.

Day two's game was much closer as they clinched a close one against No. 1 Cortland State with a narrow 4-3 victory. Though the game went down to the wire, the Sea Gull offense continued to blaze as junior

catcher Ryan Smith, who had three RBIs for the day, drove in two with an opposite field single in the bottom of the first.

Senior pitcher Eric Willey matched the Red Dragons on the mound as he pitched himself through back-to-back, bases-loading innings in the third and fourth to keep his team in the game. "It was tough," Willey said. "They're a really good hitting team. But you have to remember as a pitcher that you're one pitch from a double-play. The one inning we had the double-play, the next batter flew out and I was able to pitch myself out of that one." He would finish the game after having pitched 5 2-3 innings and six strikeouts.

The game really got intense in the bottom of the eighth. The Sea Gulls had bases loaded with one out and sophomore short-stop Will Evans at the plate. After the first pitch, Red Dragon pitcher J.J. Potruks nailed Evans on his back allowing the Sea Gulls to advance and take the lead.

The Gulls would close out their home stand with a doubleheader sweep of the College of Staten Island on Saturday. The Gulls won the

first game 8-1 and took the second game 9-3.

In game one, SU was able to capitalize in a big fifth inning. In the fifth, junior Ryan Smith hit a two-run single with bases loaded to give the Gulls a 3-1 lead. Later that inning, senior Cody College hit a three-run home run to give the Gulls a 6-1 lead. The Gulls scored two more runs in the sixth to give sophomore pitcher Dustin Herbert the win. Herbert pitched six innings with five strikeouts.

In game two, senior Jordan Crystal hit a solo home run in the second inning to give the Gulls the early lead. In the third, the Gulls recorded five hits, which included back-to-back triples by Crystal and freshman Bill Morton. The Gulls scored three to push the score to 4-0. The Dolphins would score a run in the fourth but the Gulls broke the game open in the bottom half of the inning. SU scored five runs to go up 9-1. The Dolphins would go on to score two runs in the sixth. Sophomore Alex Dude got the win for the Gulls.

The Gulls travel to Wesley College on Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Salisbury Men's tennis dominant in Sea Gull Invitational



Athletics photo

Junior Marcus Robinson played well over the weekend at Invitational.

By Tom Watson
Staff Writer

The No. 23 ranked Salisbury University men's tennis team, No. 6 in the Atlantic South Region, hosted the Sea Gull Invitational this past weekend at the SU Indoor Tennis Center. Averett University and the College of New Jersey (TCNJ) made the trip down as the three teams faced off in the two-day tournament.

Saturday featured the singles competition and the day did not begin well for Salisbury as No. 1 singles junior Scott Burtzloff was defeated by Averett University's Juuso

Tapanainen 7-6 (7-5) 6-2 and No. 2 junior Evan Thomas went down to AU's Dean Look 6-2, 1-6, 10-6. It was sophomore David Lupinetti who began the charge for Salisbury at the No. 3 spot defeating Xavier Ruiz 6-2, 6-0. Freshman and No. 4 Daniel Barnas then won 6-2, 6-1, while sophomore Andrew Nottage was victorious at the No. 5, 6-1, 4-6, 10-8. Sasha Felkinson gave up an exhausting match to Samuel Waheeb of AU 6-7 (5-7), 6-3, 10-7, while Salisbury's final three, junior Marcus Robinson, sophomore Giorgio Athens and freshman Curtiz Quandt defeated their Averett opponents handily 6-2,

6-1; 8-0 and 8-1.

That afternoon Salisbury faced off against TCNJ in the second round of the singles competition. Still carrying the momentum from the first round, SU got off to a great start against the Lions winning the first five matches. It started with Burtzloff defeating Jeremy Eckardt in a heated match 7-5, 7-6 (7-2) and Thomas defeating Stewart Fernandez 7-5, 6-2. Then Barnas won 6-4, 6-4, Lupinetti 6-4, 6-0 and Nottage 6-1, 6-3 before SU gave up the final two matches to Dan Lee and Bill Carrig of TCNJ.

The doubles competition on Sunday featured a 6-round, round robin tournament. SU swept the first round with No. 1 Burtzloff and Thomas teaming up to avenge their singles losses to Look and Tapanainen of Averett 8-6. No. 2 Barnas and Nottage then handled TCNJ's Eckardt and Fernandez 8-2. No. 3 Lupinetti and Robinson were able to claim a 2-1 record on the day as Salisbury went 9-4 overall with the No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 doubles teams combining for a 6-1 record.

SU will spend the rest of the week preparing to travel to Washington and Lee to face the top-ranked Generals on Feb. 28.

SALISBURY SPORTS CALENDAR

Tuesday-2/24

• Men's Basketball
CAC Tournament -
Quarterfinals

• Women's Basketball
CAC Tournament -
Quarterfinals

Wednesday-2/25

• Women's Lacrosse vs
Virginia Wesleyan

• 2:30 PM Baseball @
Wesley

• 3 PM Men's Lacrosse
vs Wesley

Thursday-2/26

• Men's Basketball
CAC Tournament -
Semifinals

• Women's Basketball
CAC Tournament -
Semifinals

Friday-2/27

Saturday-2/28

• Men's Basketball CAC Tournament
Championship

• Women's Basketball CAC Tournament - Championship

• 9 AM Men's Tennis @ Wash. & Lee
• Noon Women's Lacrosse vs York
(Pa.)

• 1 PM Baseball vs Wesley

• 3 PM Men's Lacrosse vs Widener

Sunday-3/1

• Men's Tennis @ Hampden-Sydney @ Lexington, Va.

• 9 AM Track and Field @ George Mason University Winter Games

• 1 PM Softball @ Virginia Wesleyan

• 1 PM Women's Lacrosse vs Stevenson

Monday-3/2

• 2 PM Baseball @ Washington (Md.)



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Club Volleyball holds up last year's EIVA championship trophy. They look to repeat their success this spring.

Club Volleyball looks for another trophy

By Jeffrey Southworth
Sports Editor

Last season, the Salisbury University men's club volleyball team won the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association after winning the conference tournament at Loyola College. This year's preseason has come and gone and has the Sea Gulls looking towards another EIVA championship trophy.

During preseason play, the Sea Gulls traveled to various tournaments such as an invitational at James Madison University and the University of Delaware. The Gulls may not have had the best of luck but having faced better competition has prepared them for the upcoming regular season.

"We faced some of the toughest teams in nation including No. 12 Navy. These games prepared us our conference games," said senior captain and outside hitter Bryan Shannon.

The EIVA includes SU, Loyola, UMBC, Georgetown, Johns Hopkins, Delaware and Towson. The Sea Gulls have yet to reach the middle of their regular season schedule, but after the first tournament find themselves in second place. The Gulls currently

hold a 3-2 record in match-play. After handily defeating JHU, UMBC and Delaware, the Gulls dropped matches to Loyola and Georgetown. "We played well, but we have to work on focusing on one game at a time and adjusting to our opponent," Shannon said.

The Gulls have the benefit of having an experienced team. They feature four seniors, Shannon, setter Ryan Chandler, middle-hitter Jeffrey Southworth and defensive specialist John Moynihan, who have played together for the past three years. The Gulls also feature junior Jason Schaedel who adds to the depth in upperclassmen. "We are a team with a lot of experience and seniority and we hope to use that to repeat at conference champions," Shannon said.

Among other younger players, this year's team will find themselves turning to sophomore outside hitter Danny Cole. "Danny has become one of the most dominating outside hitters in our league and can change the game with his power and knowledge," Shannon said.

The Gulls sit at 3-2 and have two more opportunities to boost their record before the EIVA conference championship which will be held at Salisbury on March 29. The Gulls play at home on Sunday, March 7 and at UMBC Saturday, March 21.

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Men's Lacrosse

The No. 1 men's lacrosse team went on the road and defeated No. 6 Lynchburg College on Saturday 18-6.

Salisbury got on the board first as senior midfielder Kaylor Berkman found junior Mike Winter for the score 44 seconds into the game. Berkman would finish with four goals and three assists while Winter finished with two goals. Lynchburg answered quickly with a goal from Ethan Farrell.

The Gulls went on to score nine straight to take a 10-1 lead into halftime. SU came out fast in the second half, scoring quickly to take an 11-1 lead. The Gulls would go on to cruise to the large victory. Five different Sea Gulls scored two or more goals. Senior Stephen Krasco scored two goals and added an assist. Junior Jake DeLillo also scored twice. Junior midfielder Mike Von Kamecke added

two assists and sophomore goalie Johnny Rodriguez made 11 saves. The Gulls played all four goalsies and all 39 players that made the trip to Lynchburg.

The Sea Gulls out shot Lynchburg 48-27 and grabbed 43 ground balls. The Gulls also scored five extra-man goals.

Salisbury is at home on Wednesday, Feb. 25 to take on conference rival Wesley College at 3 p.m.



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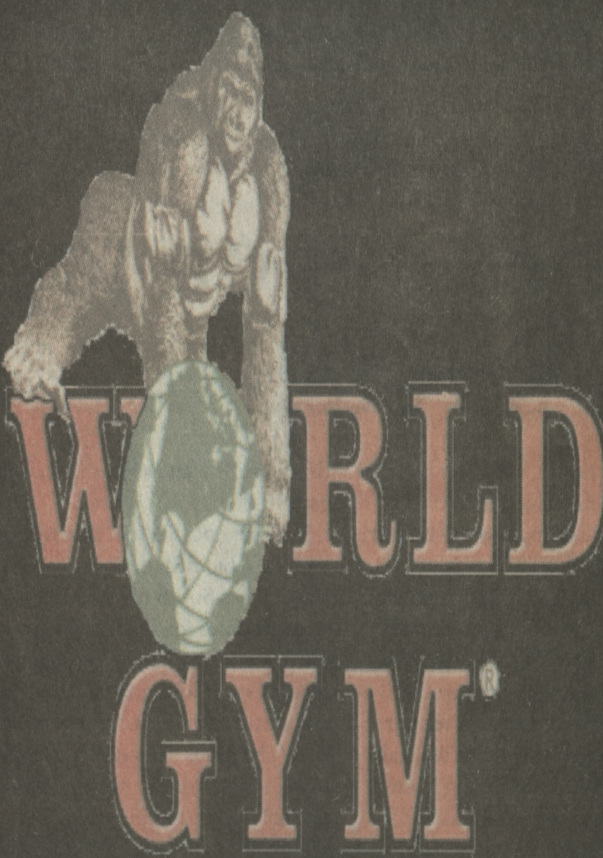
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